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SUBJ: VISIT OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD

REF: KABUL 1527

1. SUMMARY: PRES DAOUD'S MAR 17-20 VISIT TO IRAQ WAS LONG ON TOURISM BUT SEEMINGLY SHORT OF SUBSTANCE. NO NEW AGREEMENTS ANNOUNCED. END SUMMARY.

2. PRES DAOUD'S DELEGATION INCLUDED FIANCE MIN, PLANNING MIN, AND DEP FOREIGN MIN. ON FIRST EVENING DAOUD MET WITH PRES BAKR FOR OVER ONE HOUR OF WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS TALKS ABOUT BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PROBLEMS OF REGION. REMAINING SUBSTANTIVE SIDE OF VISIT LIMITED TO 90 MINUTE CALL BY DAOUD ON RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN MAR 18.

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3. FOR MOST PART DAOU'S DAYS FILLED WITH HEAVY DOSE OF

VISITS TO MOSQUES, FACTORIES, ANTIQUITIES AND BOAT CRUISE ON TIGRIS. SENIMMIQTRTZI MILITARY OFFICERS, INCLUDING CHIEF OF STAFF, SEEMED TO PARTICIPATE IN MOST PARTS OF DAOUD VISIT.

4. MEDIA ATTENTION TO VISIT WAS UNUSUALLY WARM, STRESSING THAT IRAQ AND AFTHANISTAN HAVE ALWASY ENJOYED CLOSE TIES UNDER ALL REGIMES. NO MENTION MADE OF DAOUD'S ERSTWHILE ROYAL FAMILY BACKGROUND OR HIS LONG-TIME ROLE AS PREMIER OF AFGHANISTAN UNDER HIS COUSIN AND BROTHER-IN-LAW KING ZAHER. ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO FACT THAT AUG 1974 TEN MILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO AFGHANISTAN WAS FIRST DISBURSAL FROM IRAQI FUND FOR FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT.

5. COMMUNIQUE INDICATES NO NEW AGREEMENTS REACHED AND CONTAINS LITTLE NEW. ABSOLVES DEVELOPING WORLD FROM ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES (WHICH ATTRIBUTED TO "ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE CAPITALISTIC SYSTEMS"). STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SOLIDARITY OF NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AND COMMITTED BOTH COUNTRIES TO COOPERATE IN PREPARING FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO IN 1976.

6. COMMENT: FACT THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN PLAYED ONLY MINOR ROLE IN VISIT SUGGESTS THAT IT WAS NOT OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE FOR IRAQIS. THIS COULD BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY MAR 6 IRAQI-IRANIAN ACCORD WHICH GOI NOW CONCENTRATING ALL EFFORTS ON IMPLEMENTING. IT MAY BE TOO THAT WITH ACCORD GOI'S INTEREST IN WOOING AFGHANISTAN HAS DIMINISTED.  
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